

# Staff Attorney

## Counsel II

Agency Name:	<b>Dept. of Public Utilities</b>
Official Title:	<b>Counsel II</b>
Functional Title:	<b>Staff Attorney</b>
Occupational Group:	<b>Legal</b>
Position Type:	<b>Non-Civil Service</b>
Full-Time or Part-Time:	<b>Full-Time</b>
Salary Range:	<b>\$60,226.92 to \$87,028.76 Annually</b>
Bargaining Unit:	<b>06</b>
Shift:	<b>Day</b>
Confidential:	<b>No</b>
Number Of Vacancies:	<b>1</b>
City/Town:	<b>Boston</b>
Region:	<b>BOSTON</b>
Facility Location:	<b>One South Station, Boston, MA 02110</b>
Application Deadline:	<b>11-05-2012</b>
Apply Online:	<b>No</b>
Posting ID:	<b>J32786</b>

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### Duties:

Incumbents in the Counsel II position will work within the Division of Regional and Federal Affairs (DRFA), focusing primarily on three areas: (1) the operation of the wholesale electricity markets in New England, (2) transmission rates; (3) transmission planning. The Counsel II will (i) review and analyze proposals offered in regional stakeholder forums (e.g., NEPOOL technical committees) and filings submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), (ii) gather data, perform research and draft memoranda summarizing issues to be used to develop of a legally sound agency positions, (iii) analyzing issues and providing recommendations regarding Department actions on issues to the Commission, and (iv) draft reports and pleadings. He/she will work with regional planners, economists, accountants, engineers, and other attorneys within the Department, and will interact with representatives of other states, regional, and federal government agencies, as well as with groups representing the interests of the general public and private businesses. The position requires ability to handle multiple projects under tight deadlines and superior oral and written communication skills, notably the ability to write concisely, to express thoughts clearly, and to develop ideas in logical sequence. Incumbents of positions at Counsel II level receive general supervision from employees of higher grade who assign work and review performance through verbal and written reports for effectiveness. Incumbents at this level exercise considerable independent judgment.

### Qualifications:

### Minimum Entrance Requirements:

Applicants must have at least (A) one year of full-time, or equivalent part-time, professional experience in the practice of law or in a position requiring membership in the Bar.

**Special Requirements:** Membership in the Massachusetts Bar. Based on assignment, possession of a current and valid Massachusetts Class D Motor Vehicle Operator's License may be required.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

In addition to above, experience in administrative or agency law, or public utility law is desirable; experience in practice before FERC is highly desirable. Ability to practice before the Federal appeals court(s), and/or the US Supreme Court.

Experience in economics and market design, and/or electric system engineering or planning is also desirable. Computer literacy and excellent written and oral communications skills are essential.

**Comments:**

The successful candidate will be required to attend a multi-day wholesale markets training courses held in Western Massachusetts and may be required to attend a two week utility regulatory course held out of state. In addition to membership in the Massachusetts Bar, the successful candidate may be required to seek admission to practice before the Federal appeals court(s), and/or the US Supreme Court.

Due to expected local travel required (e.g., to stakeholder meetings) possession of a current and valid Massachusetts Class 3 Motor Vehicle Operator's License and access to an automobile is required. Salary is commensurate with experience.

**How To Apply:**

Please mail cover letter and resume to:

Wesley Layne  
Human Resources Director  
Department of Public Utilities  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Applicants please send cover letter, résumé, and writing sample by 5:00 pm on the deadline date. Please reference posting number J32786 on all correspondence.

**Agency Web Address:**

[www.mass.gov/dpu](http://www.mass.gov/dpu)

**Diversity Officer:**

Karin Eddy, (617) 305-3701

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